जहां तक खाद्यान्न राज सहायता का संबंध है, खाद्यान्न राज सहायता को कम करने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं और किसानों तथा उपभोक्ताओं के हितों के बीच संतुलन कायम रखा जाएगा।

Subsidies for Foodgrains

1217. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any subsidies have been given so far in respect of foodgrains sold to the consumers;

(b) if so, the details of these subsidies;

(c) whether Govt. propose to do away with those subsidies; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Central issue price of foodgrains does not cover the economic cost of FCI. The Central issue price of foodgrains is kept at lower level with a view to supplying foodgrains to the consumers at reasonable prices as a deliberate public policy. The difference between the economic cost and the Central issue price is reimbursed to FCI as food subsidy. The food subsidy given during last two years and in the current year, year-wise, is as under:—

Year	Rs./Crores
1988-89 . . .	2200
1989-90 . . .	2476 (including Rs. 44 crores on sugar)
1990-91 . . .	1825.57 (till 4-3-1991)

(c) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Derailment of Goods train and Delhi bound Kalka Mail

1218. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the five wagons of a goods train derailed at the Patel Nagar Railway Station in West Delhi on the 11th February, 1991 and engine with eleven coaches on Delhi-bound-Kalka Mail derailed in Allahabad on the 15th February, 1991;

(b) if so, the total number of people killed and injured in each accident;

(c) whether any compensation has since been paid;

(d) the reasons of the each accident;

(e) whether any inquiry has since been conducted in both accidents;

(f) the loss of property; and

(g) the steps taken to curb such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the accident involving Howrah-Delhi-Kalka Mail, 15 persons lost their lives and 71 sustained injuries.

However, nobody was killed or injured in the Yard derailment of the Goods train at Patel Nagar Railway station.

(c) In the case of derailment of Howrah-Delhi-Kalka Mail, no compensation has been paid. A sum of Rs. 53,000/- has been paid as ex-gratia to the injured passengers and to the